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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir

Responsive to the Official Action (final rejection) dated April 24, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.